

## The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

### CHAPTER XVII.

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE IMPENDING DANGER TO ARMS FROM IT—NEW DANGERS AHEAD.

The landlord made no reply, but continued to gaze keenly at the young man. "And my father, then, made a confession of you?" continued Ian.

"I knew most of the McKensie's undertakings before he engaged in them," was the reply.

"Then if he did so, the confidence of his son cannot be far misplaced in you. But before I say a word more, Gregor, will you tell me whether you have heard anything of late of the real nature of the difference between myself and Hector M'Leod?"

"If you are aware of that, it will save much explanation."

"I'll be putting questions to people about many a thing that I know," was the reply, accompanied by a cunning look.

Ian was puzzled how to understand the answer. "Do you mean to tell me that you are aware of the true relationship in which we stand to each other?"

"About the way I have heard; about the niece of Donald Cameron I'll suspect something."

"Ha! then you do know?"

"I'll know that M'Leod has the lass at his castle that the young McKensie has sworn to make his bride."

"Then, Gregor, you did know what the fight in this room was about? You did know that it was Hector M'Leod and Flora Macgregor who were here, and whom we wished to secure?"

"I told you that I sometimes put questions about things that I knew?"

"Then, Gregor, as my father's friend, can you offer any suggestions as to how the girl is to be recovered, and as to how young M'Leod is to be placed in my power?"

The landlord regarded Ian keenly for a moment before he replied.

"It would not do, as I am placed, to take active steps on one side or on another. I would need to move between."

"Then it is for your interests you wish to keep clear of being suspected of favoring any party?"

"That'll be one very good reason, but I'll maybe mention one more. Since the night the clansmen of M'Leod were drowned in Loch Maree any that'll be saying a word against them will be blamed for being one of the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui."

The words italicized were spoken with a severe emphasis, accompanied by a searching look, the meaning of which there could be no misunderstanding, and cool as M'Kensie naturally was he started and reddened to the temples.

"What do you mean?" he exclaimed huskily, with an effort to appear calm and to look steadily into the other's face.

"If Ian McKensie had not shown that he knew what I was meaning I would tell him, but there will be no use."

"Gregor speak plainly; it is necessary that we do not misunderstand each other."

"And we'll not be doing that," replied the landlord, with the most imperturbable gravity and coolness.

"Do you mean that?"

"I'll know something of the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui," answered Gregor, gazing steadily at Ian.

"You do!" exclaimed Ian. "May that not be dangerous knowledge? I thought that none knew of their secrets but those who were members of the band. Should it come to their ears that you knew aught of their secrets, they might kill you before the rising of to-morrow's sun."

"I would not have been speaking these words to you had I not been able to assure yourself that any secrets of theirs that I possess are secure in my keeping."

"I'll no be puzzling you any more then. And since you will have put some questions to me, I'll be putting some to yourself, and the first one will be—Are not yourself one of the Caterans?"

Again did Ian start and redden, and bite his lips in the endeavor to command himself. He felt he was in the fold of one more wily than himself; but the thought that the landlord was willing to go along with him made him less uncomfortable, and he resolved to answer in a way that would preclude all possibility of further dubiety.

"Gregor, if you mean to insinuate that I am in connection with the Caterans I will not hesitate to say that I do know something about them. And I will say further that I know you are certainly not avowedly in connection with them."

The landlord smiled grimly as he reiterated—

"It would not do, you know, for me to mix myself up openly with any side."

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